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- October 24, 2002

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Carey-Shuler, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Jimmy L. Morales
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Dennis C. Moss
Perla T. Hantman	Natacha Seijas
Sally Heyman	Jose Smith
Raul Martinez	Katy Sorenson

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced:

Joe Martinez	Javier D. Souto
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I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Sorenson moved the approval of the agenda and Board Member Morales seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Sorenson moved the approval of the minutes of October 24, 2002, and Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Frank Hernandez, CTAC's Chair presented the Board with three resolutions for endorsement. He stated that CTAC recommends the endorsement of Florida Department of Transportation Work Program. He also stated that CTAC passed a resolution acknowledging Mr. Michael Moore and Mrs. Zainab Salim, MPO Staff, on their efforts as CTAC interim Secretariat. He concluded by stating the final CTAC resolution, which acknowledges Mr. Clinton Forbes on his efforts as CTAC Secretariat and on the Transportation Initiative Campaign. He further concluded by reminding the Board to fill their vacancies on CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, informed the Board that BPAC passed a resolution requesting that FDOT continue the development of Ludlam Trail along the FEC Corridor. He further stated that BPAC request that FDOT maintain the current level of funding in the 5-year Work Program for non-motorized Transportation Projects. He concluded by stating that BPAC request that FDOT, Miami-Dade County, and Monroe County continue considering the use of safe bicycle routes along the 18-mile stretch to Key Largo.

Board Member Morales requested clarity on the status on Ludlam Trail in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Donn responded that the Ludlam Trail is currently not listed in the TIP. He further stated that the study is being funded through planning funds. He concluded by stating that FDOT would look at ways of funding the construction portion of the project after the completion of the study.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

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Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Chairperson Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 TIP TO INCLUDE ROLL-FORWARD PROJECTS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2002 TIP FOR AUTHORIZATION AND WERE NOT OBLIGATED BY JUNE 30, 2002 (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the purpose of this amendment. Mr. Gary Donn, FDOT, stated that this amendment was to comply with a federal requirement in order to receive authorization of the funds.

Board Member R. Martinez requested that FDOT provide the Board with a list of the roll forward projects and their location in the TIP.

Board Member Sorenson moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution was approved.

C. REQUEST FROM MPO BOARD MEMBER JAVIER D. SOUTO
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TIP TO REPROGRAM \$700,000 IN FY 2002/03 FUNDING FROM THE SUNSET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT TO THE SW 48TH STREET PROJECT

Board Member Morales expressed concern that the request would affect District 7. He further expressed that not enough information was provided why Sunset Beautification Project could not be complete. He concluded by requesting information on why the Sunset Beautification Project was not able to receive the \$700,000 of the Transportation Enhancement Program funds.

Board Member Seijas stated that when funds are not used for one project should be made available for others to apply for it.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that MPO staff provide information on the entities that have applied for and received the TEP grants.

Board Member Morales moved for the deferral of this resolution. Board Member Seijas seconded the motion. This resolution was **deferred**.

D. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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Board Member Barreiro expressed concern with the portion of appropriated funds to the transporting agencies that were actually for the elderly population. He further stated that the need for elderly transportation is great in Miami Dade County and should be given priority.

Mr. Gary Donn stated that FDOT would provide the Board with information portraying how FDOT solicit applications and rewarding criteria for this program.

Mr. Jose Abreu informed the Board that some of FDOT programs are not under MPO jurisdiction. He further clarified by stating that this amendment is requesting that the MPO accept the funding which would be distributed to the listed agencies.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

E. MPO PROSPECTUS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MPO PROSPECTUS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO ESTABLISH THE MPO FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A FORMAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPO PLANNING PROCESS (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Smith requested clarity on whether the Board would be allowed to make individual appointments to this committee. Mr. Mesa stated that each Board Member would be allowed to appoint a member to serve on this committee.

Board Member Moss requested that the Freight Committee be assigned the task of researching the feasibility of having a tunnel under Port Boulevard on Biscayne.

Board Member J. Martinez requested clarity on whether this new Freight Committee would overlap existing Board committees with similar functions. Mr. Bill Johnson responded that the Board currently have the I-395 Subcommittee and the government have a Statewide freight study all having parallel functions. He concluded by stating that he did not foresee any overlapping of functions with the proposed Freight Committee.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

F. FDOT DISTRICT VI TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

RESOLUTION ENDORSING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT VI TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed public hearing.

Mr. Jose Abreu, FDOT District VI Secretary, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation (*A copy of this PowerPoint is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member R. Martinez informed the Board that a correction was made to the distributed Work Program. He further clarified by stating that Okeechobee Road was moved back to fiscal year 2005. He also expressed concern with removing 57th avenue from the Work Program. He further expressed that funds should be allocated to the project so that major intersections could be improved. He concluded by requesting that 57th avenue remain in the Work Program. Mr. Abreu responded that FDOT would consider an alternate plan that would look at traffic alterations for 57th Avenue.

Board Member Smith requested information on the procedure of receiving funding for the state for the Julia Causeway improvements. He further clarified that the City of Miami Beach had endorsed a plan that would light-up sections of the bridge. Mr. Abreu responded that FDOT could get into a partnership with the City of Miami Beach and the City of Miami to come up with some type of proposal. He further stated that this type of proposal would qualify under the Local Agency Program Agreement, which would allow FDOT to grant funding, with the MPO endorsement, for this project.

Board Member Moss expressed concern with the level of maintenance scheduled for along the roadways. He further expressed that he would like to see more emphasis be given to this area in the Work Program.

Board Member Seijas requested that FDOT submit a list of MPO Priorities that would not be included in the Work Program.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for the approval of the resolution with the comments provided by the Board. Board Member Souto seconded the motion. The resolution as amended was approved unanimously.

G. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY TO PREPARE THE MPO GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Board Member R. Martinez moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**H. SOUTHEAST FLORIDA ATLANTIC COMMERCE CORRIDOR
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DESIGNATION OF THE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA ATLANTIC COMMERCE CORRIDOR AS A
CORRIDOR OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Board Member R. Martinez moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**I. NORTH CORRIDOR LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
RECONSIDERATION**

RESOLUTION RESCINDING PREVIOUS MPO BOARD ACTIONS REGARDING THE NORTH CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND ALLOWING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT (OPTM) TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A METRORAIL EXTENSION AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED TECHNOLOGY ALTERNATIVE

Mr. Danny Alvarez, Executive Director of OPTM, informed the Board that the North Corridor was studied in 1996 and adopted by the MPO Board in 1999 with the locally preferred alternative (LPA) being a metro rail alignment for 27th avenue. He further explained that the failure of the 1999 Sales Tax effort and the lack of available funds, the MPO Board approved Miami Dade Transit's suggestion of changing the LPA from a

metrorail alignment to a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). He also stated that the Northwest community during the 2002 Transportation Initiative campaign expressed concern with a BRT and further requested that a metrorail line be built instead. He concluded by stating that this resolution is to rescind previous actions regarding the LPA for North Corridor and to reaffirm the metrorail line as its LPA.

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with one dissent from Board Member Seijas.

Board Member J. Diaz requested that staff prepare a resolution amending the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan to advance the East-West Transit Corridor from a priority IV to a Priority I.

J. DESIGNATION OF “MASS TRANSIT DAY”

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DESIGNATION OF “MASS TRANSIT DAY” AND ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS WELL AS, ALL CITIZENS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO AND FROM WORK AND CONDUCT THEIR DAILY BUSINESS ON THAT DAY AND REQUESTING THAT THE BCC, MPO AND THE MAYOR RECORD THEIR EXPERIENCES AND REQUESTING THAT THE BCC DIRECT THE MIAMI DADE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO MARKET THIS DAY AS APPROPRIATE

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Morales seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

V INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. MPO TRAFFIC RADIO PROJECT PROPOSAL
- B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

*(Items V.A & B were **deferred** at the request of MPO Subcommittee Chair M. Ronald Krongold)*

VI. REPORTS

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
 - 1. Community Image Advisory Board: Status Report
 - 2. People Transportation Plan Initiative

*(Items VI.A & B were **deferred** until next scheduled Board meeting).*

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

1. MDX Status Report

E. SECRETARIAT

(No discussion on report items C, D & E)

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.